

# **Springfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana collection S1113**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Ridenour, William Wilson
<b>Title</b>	Springfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana collection
<b>Date</b>	1817-1966
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1113

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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This article on the history of Springfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana, was prepared for a meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society at the Springfield Methodist Church, on April 12, 1966. The article was written by William Wilson Ridenour, Stated Supply, Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church.

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## Scope and Contents

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This article explains how Springfield Township was set off from Brookville Township in Franklin County, Indiana, on May 12, 1817. There were two published sources used for this article, plus nine individuals. Mr. Ridenour gives the history of the first settlers, the churches, schools, organizations, and families. On page three, he wrote: "The metropolis of Springfield Township is Mount Carmel... founded in 1832." Of the nine schools in the township in 1882, five were still standing in 1966. The last commencement at the Springfield Township High School was in 1961. The oldest literary club in the county was the M. Louisa Chitwood Club, organized by six young women in 1898. Mr. Ridenour gave the history of other social clubs. He tells about the beginning of telephone lines, railroads, and electricity in the township.

From page 18 through 22, Mr. Ridenour gives "An Historical Tour," which explains the route for a driving tour of the township. Nine people are listed on page 23 as the sources for the information in the article. Page 24 gives the population of the township from 1850 through 1960, when it was 932. The highest population was 1860 with 1,699 residents. Page 25 is an "Index of Living Persons 1966" and has 28 names.

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## Arrangement

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This article is arranged from the title page to the index, which is page 25.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Publication Information**

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Franklin County Historical Society.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Franklin County (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Article
- Local history